

**REMARKS**

In responding to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicant respectfully notes that the Notice contains an error. Item No. 4, Section E states that "previously amended should be previously presented." The actual error was that amended claims 18, 22, 23, 25, and 26 submitted in the Response dated November 24, 2003, were incorrectly labeled "presently amended." Applicant has correctly identified these claims as "currently amended" in the "Amendments to the Claims" submitted herewith.

Applicant attaches a copy of the seven permissible status identifiers and their definitions and respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any further extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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